

initiative, grant exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, when (1) the exemptions are authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to public health or safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security; and (2) when special circumstances are present. Section 50.12(a)(2)(v) of 10 CFR Part 50 indicates that special circumstances exist when an exemption would provide only temporary relief from the applicable regulation and the licensee has made good faith efforts to comply with the regulation.

The requested exemption is administrative and would not affect the plant equipment, operation, or procedures. The FSAR contains the analysis, assumptions, and technical details of the facility design and operating parameters. Until the FSAR is updated, the recent changes are documented in the licensee's safety analysis reports and in the Commission's Safety Evaluations for actions requiring prior approval. Changes to a facility or its operation are made through the use of processes which are defined in regulations other than 10 CFR 50.71, such as, 10 CFR 50.59 and 10 CFR 50.54. These regulations provide the basis for evaluating proposed changes and ensuring that the changes will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety and are consistent with the common defense and security. Because the FSAR update reflects changes after they have been implemented, extending the due date does not present an undue risk to the public health and safety.

While preparing the scheduled submittal, a computer failure occurred affecting the PNPP electronic data management system (EDMS) which resulted in the loss of over 11,000 electronic documents. Updates to the FSAR that were being prepared were among the documents lost. Due to the need to reconstruct the updated FSAR information that was lost, additional time is needed to complete the submittal. The requirement to reflect changes up to 6 months prior to the date of filing would still apply. The exemption is requested to allow adequate time to complete the submittal.

The licensee has made a good faith effort to comply with the regulations for filing in September 2003, in that the updated FSAR submittal was approximately 80 percent completed, however, due to circumstances beyond their control the computer supporting the EDMS failed resulting in the loss of the documents prepared for the

submittal. Therefore, the exemption would only provide temporary relief from the applicable regulation and the extension would allow the time necessary for corrective actions and would result in an improved update to the FSAR. Thus, there are special circumstances present which would satisfy the requirements of 10 CFR 50.12(1)(2)(v).

4.0 Conclusion

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a), the exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or common defense and security, and is, otherwise, in the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company, exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, § 50.71(e)(4) for PPNP.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (68 FR 59824).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of October 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Ledyard B. Marsh,

Director, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued a new guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques used by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses, and data needed by the NRC staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Regulatory Guide 3.73, "Site Evaluations and Design Earthquake Ground Motion for Dry Cask Independent Spent Fuel Storage and Monitored Retrievable Storage Installations," provides guidance acceptable to the NRC staff for (1) conducting a detailed evaluation of site area geology and foundation stability, (2) conducting investigations to identify

and characterize uncertainty in seismic sources in the site region important for the probabilistic seismic hazard analysis; (3) evaluating and characterizing uncertainty in the parameters of seismic sources; (4) conducting a probabilistic seismic hazard analysis for the site; and (5) determining the design earthquake ground motion for the site to satisfy the requirements of NRC's regulations.

Comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555. Questions on the content of this guide may be directed to Mr. M. Shah, (301) 415-8537; email MJS3@NRC.GOV.

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Dated at Rockville, MD this 22nd day of October 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Ashok C. Thadani,

Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection: SF 2802 and SF 2802A

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review of a revised information collection. SF 2802, Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions (Civil Service Retirement System) is used to support the payment of monies from the Retirement Fund. It identifies the applicant for refund of retirement contributions. SF 2802A, Current/Former Spouse's Notification of Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions, is used to comply with the legal requirement that any spouse or former spouse of the applicant has been notified that the former employee is applying for a refund.

Approximately 32,100 SF 2802 forms are completed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 45 minutes to complete the form. The annual burden is 24,075 hours. Approximately 28,890 SF 2802A forms are processed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 15 minutes to complete this form. The annual burden is 7,223 hours. The total annual burden is 31,298 hours.

Comments are particularly invited on: whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use of the appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, FAX (202) 418-3251 or via e-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov. Please include a mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—Ronald W. Melton, Chief, Operations Support Group, Center for Retirement and Insurance Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 3425, Washington, DC 20415-3660.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION CONTACT: Cyrus S. Benson, Team Leader, Publications Team, RIS Support Services, (202) 606-0623.

Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,

Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 17Ad-15, SEC File No. 270-360, OMB Control No. 3235-0409.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 17Ad-15 Signature Guarantees

Rule 17Ad-15 requires approximately 1,093 transfer agents to establish written standards for accepting and rejecting guarantees of securities transfers from eligible guarantor institutions. Transfer agents are also required to establish procedures to ensure that those standards are used by the transfer agent to determine whether to accept or reject guarantees from eligible guarantor institutions. Transfer agents must maintain, for a period of three years following the date of a rejection of transfer, a record of all transfers rejected, along with the reason for the rejection, identification of the guarantor, and whether the guarantor failed to meet the transfer agent's guarantee standard. These recordkeeping requirements assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule.

There are approximately 900 registered transfer agents. The average number of hours necessary for every transfer agent to comply with the Rule 17Ad-15 is about forty hours annually. The total burden is 36,000 hours for all transfer agents. The average cost per hour is approximately \$30. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for all transfer agents is about \$1,080,000.

The retention period for the recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17Ad-15 is three years following the

date of a rejection of transfer. The recordkeeping requirement under the rule is mandatory to assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule. This rule does not involve the collection of confidential information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503; and (ii) Kenneth A. Fogash, Associate Executive Director/Acting CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: October 29, 2003.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

Upon Written Request; Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 14f-1, OMB Control No. 3235-0108, SEC File No. 270-127.

Rule 12d1-3; OMB Control No. 3235-0109; SEC File No. 270-116.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for extension of the previously approved collections of information discussed below.

Rule 14f-1 (OMB Control No. 3235-0108; SEC File No. 270-127) requires issuers to disclose a change in a majority of the directors of the issuer. The information filed under Rule 14f-1 must be filed with the Commission and is publicly available. We estimate that it